

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

COSTA, *et al.*

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For: **High Homogeneity Silica Glass  
Prepared Through a Sol-Gel  
Procedure**

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**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the Office Action in the above-captioned application dated October 28, 2008, be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying documents.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) for a large entity is believed to be \$490.00 for a two-month extension. Applicants have authorized the PTO to charge this amount to their credit card. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than that provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/84392, along with any other fees that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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